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To the Chairman, Alderman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health Services of the Urban District for the Year 1956.

There were no adverse factors affecting the health of the District during the year.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Health Committee of the Council and my fellow officials for their ready assistance at all times.

Yours faithfully,

E.T. COLVILLE

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	Driffield
Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1956 Registrar General	6,910
Rateable Value	£76,689
Sum represented by a penny rate	£293
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1956
Birth-rate	14.0
Death-rate	11.7
Infant mortality rate	30.9

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	46	48	94
Illegitimate	2	1	<u>3</u>
			<u>97</u>

Birth-rate 14.0 per 1,000
Percentage of illegitimate births3.1

(b) Still-births :

There were 3 still-births (legitimate) during the year, equivalent to a rate of 0.43 per 1,000 population.

(c) Deaths :

The number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 81. This is equal to a death-rate of 11.7 per 1,000. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.78, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 9.1 per 1,000.

The causes of death are given in Table 1.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate :

There were 3 deaths in infants under 1 year of age (legitimate). The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered during the year, i.e., 97 is equivalent to a rate of 30.9 per 1,000 births.

(e) Maternal Mortality :

There were no deaths from maternal causes.

TABLE 1

Causes of Death in Drifffield U.D., 1956 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	43	38
Syphilitic disease	1	-
Cancer, stomach	2	-
Cancer, lung, bronchus	3	-
Cancer, breast	-	1
Cancer, other sites	3	4
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	8
Coronary disease, angina	8	4
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	6	4
Other circulatory disease	1	4
Bronchitis	5	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	2

TABLE 11

1956 Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

Births

Live births	15.7 per 1,000 population
Still-births	23.0 per 1,000 total live and still-births

Deaths

Death-rate	11.7 per 1,000 population
Infant mortality	23.8 per 1,000 related live births

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious
and Other Diseases

The undermentioned infectious diseases were notified during the year :

Measles	23
Pneumonia	4
Scarlet Fever	3
Whooping Cough	32

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1956, is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
52	3

In addition 16 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1942 and 1956 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
231	807

Tuberculosis 1956

The Register of Tuberculosis for the District for the year was as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1955	16	7	5	4	32
Added to the Register :					
(a) cases notified for the first time during year	-	1	-	-	1
(b) un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
(c) inward transfers	1	1	-	-	2
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.....	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1956	17	9	5	4	35

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Beverley Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Weekly sessions are hold at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Ante-Natal

Fortnightly sessions are hold at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births in the Urban District during the year totalled 22.

Nursing in the Home

2 District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

All cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital when necessary.

Maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield, and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East Riding being adequately covered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to the District by the Drifffield Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the water is chlorinated.

There are two bores, at the North End and Spellowgate Pumping Stations.

Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bores, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supply.

The results of samples of piped water supplies were as follows :

<u>Raw Water</u>			<u>Treated Water</u>		
<u>Bacter. Exam.</u>			<u>Bacter. Exam.</u>		
<u>No.</u>		<u>Un-</u>	<u>No.</u>		<u>Un-</u>
<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>
6	6	-	3	3	-

Private Supply Untreated

<u>No.</u>		<u>Un-</u>
<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>
2	1	1

Sewage Disposal

Construction of a new sewage disposal works is in progress. Part of the district is being re-sewered to provide the two pipe system.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 29 earth closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 319 earth closets remain in use.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of household refuse is carried out; an efficient service has been maintained during the year. Night soil is disposed of on land at the sewage disposal works. Dry refuse is disposed of at the Wold Hill Tip where there is tipping space for at least five years.

Salvage

During the year the following amount of baled waste paper has been sold :

Tons	Cwts	Qrs	£.	s.	d.
15	8	0	107	2	0

Waste paper collected during the last six months of the year has been baled and placed in stock.

Rodent Control

Disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Rodent Control Division. During the year the following premises have been disinfested :

<u>Business Premises</u>	<u>Private Dwellings</u>	<u>Council Premises</u>	<u>Public Sewers</u>
3	41	9	2

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

<u>Nature of Visits of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Rodent Control	151
Premises under Public Health Acts	71
Public conveniences	23
Conversions of pail closets	50
Drainage	66
Factory premises	69
Moveable dwellings	19
Slaughterhouses	26
Knackers Yard	5
Sewers	27
Smoke observations	22
Stables	6
Water courses	35
Premises inspected re domestic waste removal	66
Pet shops	2
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Housing

Total number of houses in district	1,957
Number of new houses built during the year	
by Local Authority	-
Number of new houses built during the year	
by other owners	35
Number of houses dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	-
Number of houses demolished during the year	1
Number of new houses in course of erection at end of year :	
(a) by Local Authority	-
(b) by Private Owners	9
Number of houses improved during the year under Housing Act, 1949	3
Number of houses in course of improvement under Housing Act, 1949, at end of year	-
Number of inspections carried out under Housing Acts	93
Number of houses in which defects were remedied during year	22

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Number of food premises in the area :

Meat Shops	9
Grocers and General Provisions	10
Mixed - Grocery, Confectionery	15
Confectionery (sweets, etc.).....	8
Greengrocers	8
Cooked Meats and Meat Products	1
Bakers and Confectioners	6
Food Preparing Premises (Cafes and Hotels)	6
Fish Shops	2
Fried Fish Shops	7

(b) Number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :

Ice Cream Premises registered for manufacture of Ice Cream	1
Ice Cream Premises registered for storage and sale of Ice Cream	21
Premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods	21
Number of dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 - 1954	2
Number of shops licensed for sale of milk	8

(c) Number of inspections of registered food premises 165

(d) Educational Activity on Food Hygiene

The occupiers of food premises have been supplied with a booklet containing a summary of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, asked to read and take steps to comply with the requirements.

(e) Method of disposal of condemned foods

Carcasses, organs and offal collected by persons authorised by the Council.

Other foods, collected by cleansing staff and either burned or buried in the refuse tip.

(f) The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947 - 1952

One manufacturer is registered. The plant complies with the requirements of the regulations.

(g) Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - 1956

As a result of interviews and information supplied occupiers of food premises are taking steps to comply with the regulations.

Ice Cream Samples

During the year 4 samples of ice cream were submitted for examination, the results showed that 2 samples were Provisional Grade I and 2 samples were Provisional Grade II.

Milk Samples

7 samples of milk were submitted for examination, 6 samples were found to be satisfactory and 1 sample failed to pass the test.

Inspection of Foods

The following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and destroyed :

	<u>lbs.</u>
63 tins milk	58
297 tins vegetables and soups	418
166 tins meat	220
850 tins fruit	1,626
37 tins and jars fish	22
Cheese	58
Butter	1
Rice	11
Froz mutton	43
Frozen beef	122
Salted almonds	1
1 tin coffee	-
1 tin curry powder	-
1 jar vine leaves	-
1 bottle grapefruit	-
	<u>2,580</u>

Meat Inspection

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number inspected	1,917	174	4,443	3,621

Carcase meat condemned - tuberculosis only:

<u>Beef</u>	<u>Pork</u>
<u>lbs</u>	<u>lbs</u>
6,196	1,892

Carcase meat condemned - other conditions :

Cattle

1 beast and all organs, 3 part carcase, 1 hind quarter, 267 livers and 251 part livers.

Calves

4 calves and all organs, 1 part carcase and 1 pluck.

Sheep and Lambs

97 sheep and all organs, 11 part carcase, 4 forequarters, 12 plucks and 5 livers.

Pigs

16 pigs and all organs, 1 carcase, 4 part carcase, 1 hind-quarter, 14 plucks and 100 livers.

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health :

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	46	29	1
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	67	35	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	5	5	-
	118	69	1

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences :			
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	2	1	-
	4	3	-

